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1. INDOCHINA

SENATE PASSES 46-45, SENDS TO HOUSE, 2.67 BILLION DOL
COMPROMISE FOREIGN AID BILL. CHURCH SAID OVERALL
FOREIGN AID SPENDING FOR THIS FY, INCLUDING FOOD FOR
PEACE, PEACE CORPS AND MIL AID TO SVN AUTHORIZED IN
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OTHER BILLS, AMOUNTS TO 5.66 BILLION DOLS, ABOUT 500
MILLION MORE THAN LAST YEAR (AP, SUN). NYT'S LESLIE
GELB NOTES THAT MEASURE SETS 1.27 BILLION DOL CEILING
ON ALL FORMS OF AID TO SVN, AND HAS AMENDMENT THAT

WOULD DELAY TRANSFER OF MIL AID TO SVN FROM DOD BUDGET TO FOREIGN AID BILL UNTIL JULY, 1976, INSTEAD OF JULY, 1975. GELB OPINES THAT HAVING MIL AID FOR SVN WATCHED OVER ONCE AGAIN BY SASC INSTEAD OF SFRC IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN CONTINUED LARGE-SCALE AID TO SVN FOR ONE MORE YEAR. WP'S RICH STATES THAT OTHER PROVISIONS IN BILL RESTRICT US PERSONNEL IN SVN AND CAMBODIA, LIMIT AID FOR GKR TO 377 MILLION, AND SLASH KOREAN AID TO 134 MILLION WITH DIRECTIVE TO KILL IT BY END OF 1977.

S-N'S ARBUCKLE (12/4) IN PP QUOTES DISGRUNTLED KHMER OFFICERS THAT CORRUPTION AND MISMANAGEMENT ARE WRECKING WAR EFFORT. THEY CITE SALE INSTEAD OF ISSUE OF NEEDED

UNIFORMS AND MOSQUITO NETS AS EXAMPLES; ADD THAT CROOKED OFFICERS OFTEN GET BONUSES AND FAST PROMOTION FROM SENIORS. ARBUCKLE SAYS THAT ON FRONT-LINE VISIT HE WAS TOLD BY ONE-EYED MAJOR THAT ONE MUST PAY TO BE "WOUNDED OFFICIALLY, AND I'M NOT PAYING." SAYS OTHER MALPRACTICES INCLUDE: RECEIVING PAY FOR NONEXISTENT SOLDIERS, FORGING DOCUMENTS, SALE OF 7000 M-16S TO RESIDENTS OF BATTAMBANG AREA WHILE TROOPS USE OBSOLETE RIFLES (NOTES US OFFICIALS ARE INVESTIGATING THIS COMPLAINT), KAF DIVERSION OF FLIGHTS TO PICK UP PAYING PASSENGERS; QUOTES KHMER OFFICERS THAT GENERALS GO SLOW IN REOPENING ROADS TO CUT-OFF CITIES SO THAT 32 MOSTLY ONE-PLANE AIRLINES, IN WHICH GENERALS HAVE SHARES OR CLOSE DEALINGS, CAN MAKE FORTUNES.

LAT'S MCARTHUR IN SAIGON (12/4) NOTES EARLY SIGNS THAT HANOI PLANS BIG OFFENSIVE EMERGE AS FIRST DRY-SEASON TRICKLE OF NVA TROOPS AND GUNS STARTS TO FLOW INTO SVN. SEES BUILDUP NORTH OF DMZ AS IMPRESSIVE AND CAUSING OMINOUS ALERTS AMONG PLANNERS IN SAIGON. SAYS HANOI'S RECENT COMPLAINT ABOUT USAF RECON FLIGHTS IS JUDGED BY SOME AS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT ITS NEW SUPPLY MOVEMENTS HAVE BEEN DETECTED. BELIEVES IT WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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BE SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE SITUATION BECOMES CLEAR, BUT APPEARS NVN HAS MADE DECISION TO PRESERVE OPTION FOR ONE MORE MASSIVE ASSAULT. NOTES MEN AND EQUIPMENT FROM NVN BEING SITED TO SUPPLY NEW "ANNAMITE CORRIDOR" THAT HAS LARGELY REPLACED HO TRAIL; THIS IS ALL-WEATHER ROUTE ALMOST ENTIRELY WITHIN SVN, LARGELY BUILT SINCE C-F, AND STRETCHING TO WITHIN 75 MILES OF SAIGON. QUOTES US EXPERTS THAT THERE ARE NOW ABOUT 190,000 NORTH VIETS IN SVN AS WELL AS 100,000 VC, WITH ALL CONCENTRATED IN STRATEGIC AREAS ESTIMATED TO CONTAIN ENOUGH AMMO FOR YEAR-LONG OFFENSIVE.

NYT'S CLAIBORNE IN SAIGON WRITES OF SPECIAL DELIGHTS

OF VIET COOKING, CONTRASTS IT TO CHINESE CUISINE.

2. CHINA

MANSFIELD SAYS HE WILL LEAVE THIS WEEKEND FOR TWO-WEEK TRIP TO PRC TO EXPLORE PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH US, AND ALSO VISIT OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES (AP, NYDN).

MOTHER OF USLO CHIEF BUSH SAYS SHE AND SISTER-IN-LAW WILL SPEND ABOUT THREE WEEKS IN PRC SO BUSH "WOULDN'T BE ALL BY HIMSELF ON CHRISTMAS" WHILE WIFE IS IN US (NYT).

KYODO REPORT FROM PEKING QUOTES TENG HSIAO-PING SAYING CHOU'S HEALTH HAS BEEN FOUND WORSE THAN EXPECTED AND THAT PREMIER DEALS WITH ONLY VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES AND IS CONSULTED ONLY WHEN HIS CONDITION IS GOOD. TENG QUOTED SAYING CHOU HOSPITALIZED FOR PAST EIGHT MONTHS, WAS EXHAUSTED BY HEAVY WORK LOAD IN RECENT YEARS, AND THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH HIS "INTERNAL ORGANS." BUT TENG REPORTEDLY SAID MAO IS IN EXCELLENT HEALTH AND "HIS POWER OF MEMORY IS FAR SUPERIOR TO OURS." ADDED THAT CHAIRMAN READS EVERY DAY AND SOMETIMES SWIMS (REUTER TOKYO).

NCUSCT PRES PHILLIPS SAID WEDNESDAY THAT US-PRC TRADE IS EXPECTED TO APPROACH 1 BILLION DOLS BY END OF THIS YEAR, BUT LEVEL MAY DIP NEXT YEAR. ADDED THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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SINO-US COMMERCIAL RELATIONS SHOULD BE ENHANCED BY NEXT YEAR'S VISIT TO PEKING BY COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE (UPI WASHINGTON).

NCNA SAYS PRC RED CROSS HAS DONATED 4,000 TONS OF SORGHUM, MEDICINES, AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT VALUED AT 26,315 DOLS FOR RELIEF OF DROUGHT-STRICKEN SOMALIANS (WP).

3. HONG KONG

SUN'S ISAACS CALLS ATTENTION TO COLONY'S NEW POLICY OF RETURNING ILLEGAL CHINESE REFUGEES TO PRC. WP'S GREENWAY SAYS WHILE THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PUBLIC OUTCRY, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ARTICULATE SECOND THOUGHTS IN HK ON BOTH MORALITY AND PRACTICALITY OF MOVE. CITES REACTION OF HK DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE THAT NEW POLICY "IS GROSSLY UNFAIR," SINCE COLONY HAD WELCOMED CHINA REFUGEES WHEN THEIR LABOR WAS NEEDED, BUT RETURNS THEM NOW THAT ECONOMY BEGINS TO SLIDE, AND BLAMES IT ALL ON THEM. GREENWAY HOLDS THAT AS PRACTICAL MATTER, FEW IN HK

THINK NEW MEASURES WILL STOP ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION COMPLETELY; BEST GOVT CAN HOPE FOR IS SLOWDOWN.

4. KOREA

MORE THAN 50 OPPOSITION PARTY PARLIAMENTARIANS BROKE INTO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THURSDAY AND BEGAN SIT-IN TO BACK DEMANDS FOR CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION. ASSEMBLY IN RECESS UNTIL MONDAY. ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY PARK, IN ADDRESS READ BY PM KIM AT CAPITAL BLDG CEREMONY, CHARGED SOME PEOPLE WITH TRYING TO "SPLIT NATIONAL

OPINION AND CAUSE SOCIAL CONFUSION WITH IRRESPONSIBLE SPEECH AND ACTION IN DISREGARD OF OUR REALITY" (REUTER SEOUL).

REUTER HK (DEC. 4) CITES NK NEWS AGENCY REPORT OF TIRADE AGAINST PRES FORD FOLLOWING HIS ASIA TRIP, BASED ON NK NEWSPAPER. RODONG SINMUN DENOUNCED UNCLASSIFIED

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FORD PLEDGE TO CONTINUE MODERNIZATION OF ROK ARMY AND ECON/MIL AID TO SK; ADDED THAT IT IS "PREPOSTEROUS" FOR FORD TO TELL AMERICANS PARK IS LOOSENING HIS TOUGH POLICIES.

5. JAPAN

UPI TOKYO REPORTS MIKI HAS BEGUN TALKS WITH COUNTRY'S LEADING POLITICIANS, ASKING THEIR COOPERATION IN FORMING NEW CABINET AND SOLVING NATION'S RUNAWAY INFLATION.

SEVERAL REPORT MIKI'S FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE.

GLOBE'S STORIN, (ALSO S-N)SAYS MIKI "WILL MAKE MOST OF HIS WAVES AT HOME" LEAVING JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY BASICALLY UNCHANGED. QUOTES MIKI SAYING US AND FRENCH ENERGY PROPOSALS ARE "NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE FOR JAPAN," BUT NOTES PREFERENCE FOR DIALOGUE WITH PRODUCERS, NOT CONFRONTATION. MIKI DENIES HE WILL HEAD CARETAKER GOVERNMENT UNTIL LDP CONSENSUS CHOOSES STRONGER LEADER; DOES NOT BELIEVE SECRET AGREEMENT ALLOWS US WARSHIPS TO BRING NUKES INTO JAPANESE PORTS, BUT PROMISES TO LOOK INTO MATTER; PLEDGES JAPAN TO FOLLOW PATH OF FREE TRADE, DESPITE PROTECTIONIST RUMBLINGS IN US CONGRESS; AND FORESEES NO BASIC CHANGE IN JAPAN'S COOL BUT OFFICIALLY SUPPORTIVE RELATIONS WITH ROK, EVEN THOUGH HIS AIDES SAY HE IS LESS SYMPATHETIC TO PARK REGIME THAN PREDECESSORS.

SUN'S SEIDEN, IN TOKYO, SAYS MIKI IN FIRST PRESS

CONFERENCE PLEDGES OPEN ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIVE TO PUBLIC OPINION. MIKI PLEDGES TO REFORM LDP, AND SAYS HE MAY VOLUNTARILY PUBLISH COMPLETE STATEMENT OF OWN ASSETS.

NYT'S HALLORAN, IN TOKYO, REPORTS MIKI VIEW THAT LDP IS FACING GREATEST CRISIS AND NEEDS DRASTIC REFORM. QUOTES MIKI SAYING "METHOD OF ELECTING LDP PRESIDENT IS MAJOR CAUSE OF POLITICAL EVIL," AND CRITICIZING PARTY'S FUND-RAISING SYSTEM, BUT NOTES LACK OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SPECIFIC REFORM PROPOSED BY MIKI.

HALLORAN COMMENTS THAT LACK OF COHESIVE OPPOSITION HAS HELPED LDP RETAIN POWER OVER TWO DECADES, DESPITE RECURRENT SCANDALS MOSTLY INVOLVING MONEY. SAYS FACTIONAL, GENERATIONAL AND IDEOLOGICAL STRESSES NOW POSE DANGER OF DISRUPTING LDP COALITION, AND SPECULATES THAT RESULTING POLITICAL CHAOS MIGHT TEMPT AGGRESSIVE ACTION FROM FAR LEFT OR FAR RIGHT, "AN UNSETTLING PROSPECT IN US' MAJOR EA ALLY AND WORLD'S LARGEST ECONOMIC POWER."

JOC'S CULLISON REPORTS GOJ INDIFFERENCE TO IMF SUGGESTION THAT JAPAN EASE AUSTERITY POLICY FOR SAKE OF WORLD ECONOMY. SUGGESTION MADE BY IMF MISSION TO TOKYO NOV 18-26 WAS OBSCURED BY FORD VISIT AND STRUGGLE FOR SUCCESSION WITHIN LDP WHICH FOLLOWED. DESPITE IMF ADVICE, MIKI REAFFIRMS HIGH PRIORITY FOR TIGHT MONEY POLICY TO CONTROL INFLATION. EPA REPORTS JAPAN'S REAL GNP FELL 2 PERCENT DURING THIRD QUARTER, WITH INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION DOWN 9.7 PCT (JOC).

CSM'S CHOPRA, IN BANGKOK, REPORTS TOKYO NO LONGER WILLING TO ACCEPT BLAME FOR ANTI-JAPANESE FEELING IN SEA, IS PLACING SOME BLAME ON LOCAL PREJUDICE AND HAS BEGUN TO TALK TO BANGKOK IN TOUGH TERMS OF ECONOMIC REALITY. SAYS JAPANESE, MORE IN SADNESS THAN ANGER, NOW WILLING TO TAKE YEN AND TECHNOLOGY ELSEWHERE IF NOT WANTED. JAPAN MAY LOOM LESS MENACINGLY ONSHA HORIZON AS RESULT OF CUT-BACK IN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CAPITAL AND GOODS, THUS OFFERING SOME PROSPECT FOR BETTER LONG TERM ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND SEA NATIONS.

BOMB THREAT FORCES SUSPENSION OF TRADING IN OSAKA STOCK EXCHANGE (UPI, NYDN).

AP JAKARTA REPORTS TWO JAPANESE BURIAL TEAMS ARRIVE IN INDONESIA TO EXHUME 1700 JAPANESE SOLDIERS BURIED

IN THE MOLUCCAS FOR REBURIAL IN JAPAN (STL P-D).

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6. PHILIPPINES

GOP REPORTS WOMAN NPA COMMANDER, 14 OTHER GUERRILLA CHIEFS AND 1,017 FOLLOWERS SURRENDERED EN MASSE WEDNESDAY AND SWORE ALLEGIANCE TO GOVT. OFFICIALS SAY MASS SURRENDER IS BIG BLOW TO LEFTIST MOVEMENT IN PHILS (AP PHINQ, CSM).

7. MALAYSIA

REUTER (KL) SAYS RIOT POLICE AND STUDENTS ARMED WITH CATAPULTS CLASHED IN FRONT OF NATIONAL U THURSDAY AS STUDENT UNREST OVER RISING PRICES ENTERED THIRD DAY. SITUATION AT MALAYSIA U AND MARA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY REPORTED TENSE BUT QUIET.

8. AUSTRALIA

GOA WILL SEEK APPROVAL OF 20 MILLION AUSSIE DOL AID TO COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK TO BROADEN LOANS TO HARD-HIT BEEF PRODUCERS. STEPS ALSO PLANNED TO REVIEW CREDIT POSITION OF BEEF PRODUCERS WITHIN THREE MONTHS AND TO PROVIDE MORE FUNDS IF NEEDED (JOC LONDON). GOA BLOCKED MOVE OF AMPOL, LOCAL OIL COMPANY, TO RAISE PRICE OF CRUDE. WHITLAM SAYS OIL PRICES FIXED BY 1968 GOVT AND HAVE UNTIL NEXT YEAR TO RUN BEFORE INCREASES CAN BE MADE (JOC SYDNEY).

AP (SYDNEY) REPORTS ON COMMITTEE OF TOWNSPEOPLE IN BATEMAN'S BAY THAT LAUNCHED ANTI-INFLATION PLAN: CUT PRICES IN SHOPS AND WORK MORE. CAMPAIGN, DUBBED TOO (THINK OF OTHERS), HAS SPREAD TO OTHER TOWNS AS WELL AS TO NZ AND S. AFRICA, WITH INQUIRIES RECEIVED FROM US, UK AND CANADA. SOME REFUSAL OF PAY RAISES AND GASOLINE PRICE CUTTING IN MELBOURNE LINKED TO CAMPAIGN. PAPERS AND RADIO PUSH IT, BUT ECONOMISTS SAY MOVEMENT NEEDS BIG UNION AND BUSINESS SUPPORT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT COUNTRY'S OVER-20-PCT INFLATION RATE (CSM).

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9. MACAO/TIMOR

PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL AT UN SAYS LISBON HAS APPROACHED PRC AND "HAS REASON TO EXPECT FORMAL RECOGNITION SOON." ADDS THAT "TACIT AGREEMENT" EXISTS BETWEEN THEM NOT TO

CHANGE STATUS OF MACAO FOR TIME BEING. STATES THAT PORTUGAL PLANS REFERENDUM IN TIMOR TO DETERMINE TERRITORY'S FUTURE (HOFMAN, NYT).

10. INDONESIA

JOC QUOTES STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE REPORT THAT INDO OFFERS ATTRACTIVE LONG-TERM INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTL COMPANIES WILLING TO "ACCEPT AND ADAPT TO" ITS CHANGING CONDITIONS. ASSESSMENT IS BASED ON VAST NATURAL WEALTH, INTERNAL STABILITY, LABOR AVAILABILITY AND CULTURAL IDENTITY. PETROLEUM AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT,

TIMBER RESOURCES AND TEXTILES ARE REFERRED TO SPECIFICALLY. REPORT CONCLUDES THAT ADVANTAGES MAKE INDO "POTENTIAL GREAT POWER" OF SEA DESPITE DRAWBACKS OF INFLATION, NEED FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, OVERCROWDED PORTS, COMPLEX LAWS AND POOR COORDINATION BETWEEN MINISTRIES.

11. PACIFIC ISLANDS

LAT'S LAMB (12/4) FROM SAIPAN NOTES THAT ISLAND IS MOUNTING TOURIST CAMPAIGN TO LURE SOME OF THROGS OF JAPANESE THAT VISIT GUAM, AND IS CONSIDERING INTRODUCTION OF LEGAL GAMBLING AS "BAIT." SAYS SLOT-MACHINES "SUDDENLY APPEARED" SIX MONTHS AGO, AND AIR MICRONESIA BEGAN FEATURING SPECIAL GAMBLING PACKAGE WEEKEND FLIGHTS FROM GUAM, SINCE LAWS DO NOT FORBID GAMBLING. POSSIBILITY OF CASINOS APPEALS TO MANY. LOCAL OFFICIALS EXPECT TOURISM TO BOLSTER SHAKY ECONOMY; JAL ALREADY HAS LANDING RIGHTS, AND PANAM, NORTHWEST AND CONTINENTAL ARE FIGHTING FOR RIGHTS.

12. THAILAND

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JOC'S NAMBEIL FROM BANGKOK WRITES THAT ECONOMISTS FEEL IF THAI GET HANG OF SCIENTIFIC FARMING, COUNTRY COULD BECOME MAJOR PRODUCER OF PINEAPPLES AND PICK UP SLACK CREATED BY WINDING DOWN IN HAWAII AND TAIWAN CAUSED BY HIGH LABOR OR LAND COSTS. ADVANTAGE IS THAT LOCAL CANNING INDUSTRY IS OPERATING WELL BELOW CAPACITY. PROBLEMS ARE LACK OF AGRIC BACKGROUND ON PART OF LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS, SHORTAGE OF AGRIC CREDIT, AND FARMERS' LACK OF KNOW-HOW TO MAXIMIZE YIELDS. NAMBEIL CAUTIONS INTERESTED US INVESTORS TO PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF NEW "AND NOT UNIVERSALLY LIKED" CONSTITUTION, CARETAKER GOVT, AND INCIPIENT LABOR MOVEMENT.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. CHINA

ZORZA (WP) CONSIDERS HAK'S PEKING TRIP A FAILURE. SAYS HAK WENT TO PEKING WITH SOME HOPE OF MAKING REAL PROGRESS IN RELATIONS AND WAS PREPARED TO MAKE CERTAIN CONCESSIONS ON SUCH ISSUES AS TAIWAN IN EXCHANGE FOR CHINESE CONCESSIONS. BUT HAK FOUND, BY ALL ACCOUNTS, THAT PRC LEADERS WERE NOT PREPARED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS THAT COULD HAVE LED TO SERIOUS BARGAINING.

ZORZA RELATES PRC LEADERS' POSITION TO RECENT MOVES TOWARD SOME DEGREE OF SINO-USSR RECONCILIATION. SAYS WHAT MOSCOW WANTS TO PREVENT ABOVE ALL IS POSSIBILITY THAT PEKING MIGHT MOVE CLOSER TO US, ADDING THAT BY GIVING HAK COLD SHOULDER, PEKING IS LETTING MOSCOW KNOW CHINA MIGHT INDEED REFRAIN FROM TOO CLOSE A RELATIONSHIP WITH US - PROVIDED KREMLIN PAYS RIGHT PRICE.

PEKING'S TERMS INCLUDE ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET OFFER OF NON-AGGRESSION TREATY IN EXCHANGE FOR SOVIET RECOGNITION OF CHINESE FRONTIER CLAIMS. THESE ARE NOT CLAIMS TO HUGE TRACTS OF SOVIET TERRITORY BUT SMALL, OFTEN STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT PARCELS ON UNCLASSIFIED

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BOTH SIDES OF BORDER. BUT MOSCOW IS NOT EVEN WILLING TO TALK UNTIL CHINESE GIVE UP THEIR "PRECONDITIONS."

ZORZA ATTRIBUTES KREMLIN'S NEW TACTIC TO BELIEF THAT PEKING FACTION WHICH FAVORS RECONCILIATION IS SO STRONG THAT ALL MOSCOW HAS TO DO IS WAIT A LITTLE LONGER - PERHAPS UNTIL MAO DIES - TO GET FAR BETTER TERMS THAN IT COULD NOW. TO SUPPORT THIS VIEW, ZORZA ALLUDES TO RED FLAG ARTICLES INDICATING INTERNAL DIFFERENCES OVER POLICY TOWARD USSR. SAYS INTENSITY OF STRUGGLE SHOWS "PEACE" FACTION IS FAR STRONGER THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN - STRONG ENOUGH, IT SEEMS, TO INDUCE MAO TO START MAKING OFFERS TO KREMLIN AND FOR KREMLIN TO THINK IT COULD GET BETTER DEAL BY WAITING. HAK'S PEKING TRIP WAS CAUGHT IN THESE CROSS-CURRENTS.

GLOBE'S TAYLOR REVIEWS "CHINA TODAY AND HER ANCIENT TREASURES," WRITTEN BY JOAN LEBOLD COHEN AND HARVARD'S JEROME COHEN. REGARDS IT AS POSSIBLY BEST POPULAR ACCOUNT NOW AVAILABLE CONCERNING PRESENT-DAY PRC. IN PASSING, TAYLOR CREDITS COHEN WITH HAVING 'RECENTLY MADE AN EX-PRIME MINISTER' OUT OF TANAKA, "THANKS TO A

FEW PUBLIC COMMENTS."

14. KOREA

WP'S JACK ANDERSON IN SEOUL REPORTS HE FLEW TO SK ON CHRISTMAS MISSION TO -APPEAL TO PARK FOR RELEASE OF 12 RELIGIOUS LEADERS JAILED FOR ANTI-GOVT ACTIVITIES. PARK LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO HIS CASE FOR CLEMENCY, BUT STRESSED THAT CHRISTIANS HAD NOT BEEN ARRESTED FOR CRITICIZING GOVT BUT FOR VIOLATING LAW, THAT IT WAS HIS DUTY TO ENFORCE LAW AND PROTECT COUNTRY FROM

SUBVERSION. PARK EXPLAINED THAT HE IS CONFRONTED WITH GRAVE EMERGENCY, CITED ALARMING NK MIL BUILDUP, DISCOVERY OF INFILTRATION TUNNEL UNDER DEMILITARIZED ZONE, ACTS OF SUBVERSION, AND HIS HAVING BEEN MARKED FOR ASSASSINATION. ANDERSON SAYS US INTELLIGENCE CONFIRMED NK BUILDUP AND UNDERGROUND OPERATION TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBVERT PARK REGIME. ALSO CITES KOREAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS AS HAVING ASSURED HIM THAT JAILED CHRISTIANS ARE ANTI-COMMUNIST BUT, ADMITTEDLY, ALSO ANTI-PARK. SOURCES ALSO ADMITTED THEY VIOLATED EMERGENCY LAWS, SUBSEQUENTLY SUSPENDED, BY PARTICIPATING IN ANTI-PARK AGITATION. QUOTES KIM JOON GON, PRES OF KOREAN CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST, AS CONCEDED THAT, "IN SOUTH KOREA, WE HAVE 80 PERCENT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. IN NORTH KOREA, THEY HAVE ZERO PERCENTAGE."

CSM'S ANABLE DISCUSSES CAMBODIA AND KOREA IN UNGA CONTEXT. NOTING TWO-VOTE MARGIN FOR GKR'S RETENTION OF UNGA SEAT, SAYS LON NOL'S SEA NEIGHBORS, WHO SPLINTERED AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY TO BACK HIM, SEEM AS CONCERNED WITH AVOIDING PRECEDENT OF REPLACING AN APPARENTLY LEGITIMATE GOVT WITH DISTANT AND RATHER OBSCURE REVOLUTIONARY REGIME AS THEY WERE WITH STAVING OFF CHINESE -NVN PROPAGANDA VICTORY.

HEART OF KOREAN ISSUE, WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE VOTED ON FRIDAY, IS UNC. EVEN IF PRO-NK RESOLUTION CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF "ALL THE FOREIGN TROOPS STATIONED IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER THE FLAG OF THE UNITED NATIONS" PASSES, EFFECT ON US TROOPS STATIONED IN SK WILL BE NEGLIGIBLE. ONLY HANDFUL ARE ASSIGNED TO UNC; REST ARE UNDER 1954 US-SK MUTUAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT. SNAG IS THAT ARMISTICE, BASIC STRUCTURE OF PEACE FOR PENINSULA, WAS SIGNED BY N KOREANS AND UNC (NOT BY S KOREANS). TO DISSOLVE UNC WOULD UNDERMINE ARMISTICE, ACCORDING TO WESTERN EXPERTS.

SO FAR N KOREANS HAVE REFUSED TO WORK OUT ALTERNATIVE

METHOD OF PROPPING UP ARMISTICE - EVEN THOUGH SK AND
US NOW RAISE NO OBJECTIONS TO DISSOLVING UNC ONCE
CONTINUATION OF ARMISTICE IS ASSURED.

THE STATUS QUO, IS EXPECTED TO GET COMFORTABLE
MAJORITY IN COMMITTEE MAY ENABLE COMPROMISE TO BE
REACHED IN FULL UNGA SHOULD PRO-NK RESOLUTION PASS
COMMITTEE AS WELL. ASSUMING BOTH RESOLUTIONS PASS
COMMITTEE, SUBSEQUENT UNGA "CONSENSUS" COULD
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PERHAPS INVOLVE RENEGOTIATING SIGNATURE ON

ARMISTICE IN RETURN FOR ABANDONING UNC.

15. JAPAN

CSM EXPECTS NO CHANGE IN JAPAN'S POLICIES TOWARD
WEST UNDER MIKI'S LEADERSHIP; HOWEVER, THINKS IT
POSSIBLE HE WILL PRESS WASHINGTON TO SPEED UP ITS
PROGRAM FOR BASE CONSOLIDATION IN JAPAN. SAYS IMPACT
OF CHANGE IN TOKYO WILL BE LARGELY DOMESTIC; AND
QUESTION IS WHETHER MIKI WILL DEMONSTRATE STRONG
LEADERSHIP NEEDED TO STAY IN OFFICE, OR WHETHER HIS
PREMIERSHIP PROVES TEMPORARY WHILE LDP FACTIONS
MANEUVER FOR STRONGER MAN.

NOTING THAT CHOICE OF MIKI WAS COMPROMISE, SAYS
WHETHER HE IS ABLE TO CONVERT POTENTIALLY INTERIM
APPOINTMENT INTO PERMANENT ONE DEPENDS ON SEVERAL
FACTORS: EXTENT TO WHICH HE ATTRACTS INTO GOVT
YOUNGER LDP LEADERS WHO MADE THEIR INFLUENCE FELT
IN CHOICE OF NEW PM; HOW SUCCESSFUL HE WILL BE IN
ACHIEVING HIS OWN OBJECTIVES FOR INTERNAL PARTY
REFORM; HIS SUCCESS IN DEALING WITH JAPAN'S
ECON PROBLEMS, INCLUDING INFLATION. ALSO NOTING THAT
MIKI IS ON RECORD AS FAVORING MORE ATTENTION TO PUBLIC
WELFARE AND ENHANCEMENT OF QUALITY OF LIFE IN JAPAN,
SAYS HOW WELL HE TACKLES THIS AREA WILL BE CRUCIAL
WITH JAPANESE PUBLIC.

16. INDONESIA

CSM CITES JAKARTA REPORTS THAT TWO OF LEADING INDO
INTELLECTUALS - SOEDJATMOKO, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO
WASHINGTON, AND MOCHTAR LUBIS, ONE OF COUNTRY'S
MOST RESPECTED EDITORS - HAVE BEEN BARRED FROM
LEAVING COUNTRY. BOTH TOLD TO BE AVAILABLE FOR
QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH RIOTING IN JAKARTA
EARLIER THIS YEAR. OSTENSIBLY, RIOTS WERE IN OPPOSITION
TO MOUNTING JAPANESE COMMERCIAL INFLUENCE IN INDO;
BUT FACT WAS THAT STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS WERE EXPRESSING

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THEIR INCREASING DISAFFECTION WITH BURGEONING
CORRUPTION AND MALADMINISTRATION OF SUHARTO REGIME.

SAYS SUHARTO RETURNED INDO TO INTERNATIONAL RESPECTABILITY,
MOVED IT FROM SUKARNO DESPOTISM TO BENEVOLENT MIL
RULE, AND SOUGHT TO SHORE UP AILING ECONOMY. CONCLUDES
THAT ACTION AGAINST SOEJATMOKO AND LUBIS, LATTER
OF WHOM WAS JAILED BY SUKARNO FOR NINE YEARS FOR HIS
DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY, WILL DO NOTHING BUT STRENGTHEN
HAND OF INDO'S CRITICS ABROAD, AND SADDEN ITS FRIENDS

WHO WOULD HAVE SUHARTO MOVE MORE STRENUOUSLY TOWARD
REFORM. KISSINGER

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED BUDAPEST.

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